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MECHANICAL TREE PLANTING

Speeds planting of tree seedlings
(About 1000 seedlings per hour)



How to Plant Forest Tree Seedlings

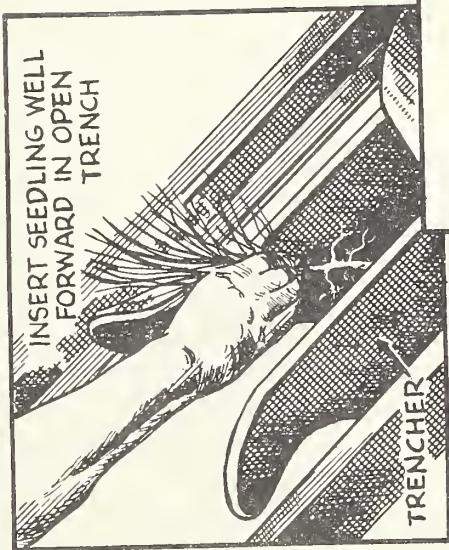
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Obtain Seedlings From State Forester

See Your Local Forester

1. Plant species best adapted to site.
2. Number of seedlings required for different spacings. 6ft. x 6ft. - 1200 per acre. 6ft. x 7ft. - 1000 per acre. 6ft. x 8ft. - 900 per acre. 8ft. x 8ft. - 700 per acre.
3. Time to plant: Coastal Plains Nov. 15, to Feb. 15
Piedmont and Mountain Area Nov. 15, to March 15
- Plant early
4. Plant when soil is thoroughly moistened with rain.
Some seedlings may die.
Replanting may be needed
if survival is below 400 trees per acre

INSERT SEEDLING WELL FORWARD IN OPEN TRENCH



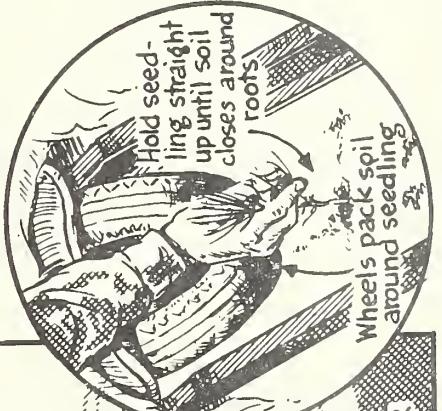
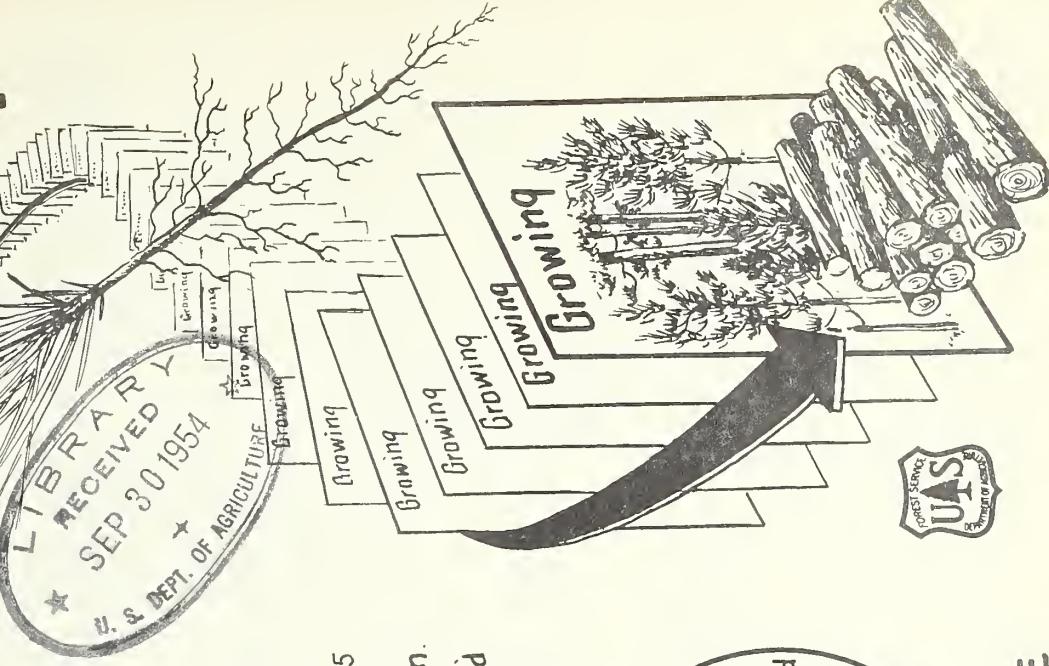
SET SEEDLING AT CORRECT DEPTH
RELEASE WHILE STRAIGHT UP

Seedling planted at correct depth

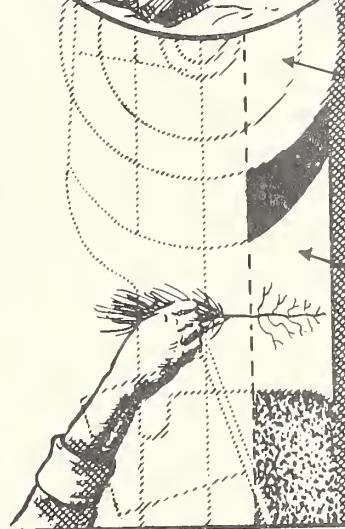
Seedling dragged in trench - too shallow

Seedling dragged in trench - too deep

Incorrectly planted seedling dragged along in trench - held too long by planter causes poor root development and loss.



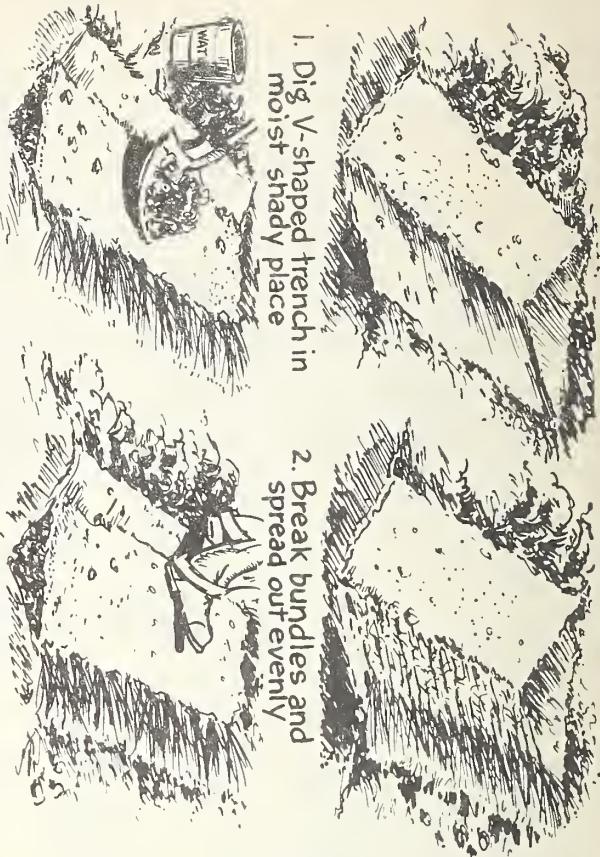
SIDE VIEW OF TRENCHER COULTER



PLANTINGS SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM FIRE

Technical Information from Forest Service - U.S. Department of Agriculture - Atlanta, Georgia.

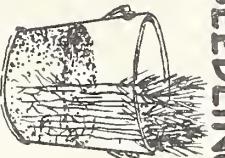
HEELING IN Care of Seedlings



1. Dig V-shaped trench in moist shady place
2. Break bundles and spread out evenly
3. Fill in loose soil and dampen with water
4. Complete filling in soil and firm with feet

HANDLING SEEDLINGS IN FIELD

Correct
In bucket with sufficient moist sawdust or moss

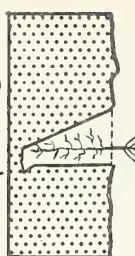


Incorrect
Do not carry seedlings with roots exposed to sun and wind.



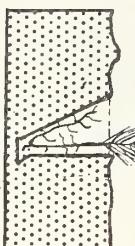
IMPORTANT: Do not let roots dry out!

CORRECT AND INCORRECT PLANTING DEPTHS



Correct

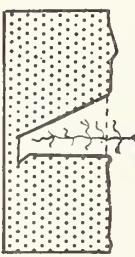
Put seedling well below ground level-shake roots to spread-then raise root collar to ground level.



Incorrect

Root collar too low.

Cramped roots will develop into poor root system



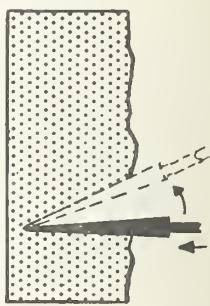
Incorrect

Root collar too high- survival chance poor.

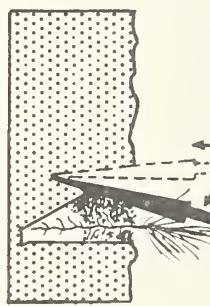
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DIBBLE PLANTING

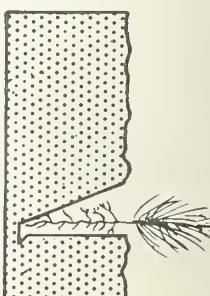
Dibble or Planting Bar



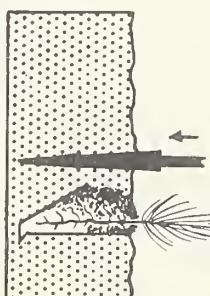
1. Insert dibble straight down as shown. Pull backward to open hole.



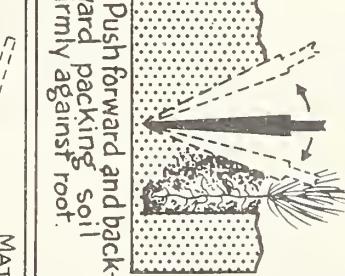
3. To hold seedling in place insert dibble part way and push forward closing top of planting slit.



2. Remove dibble and place seedling at correct depth.

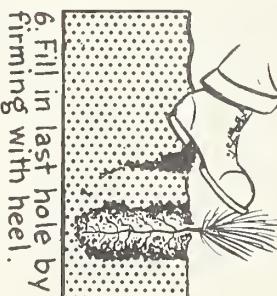


4. Insert dibble straight down behind last hole.



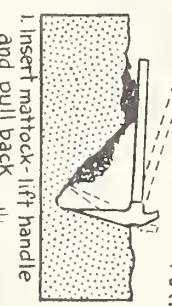
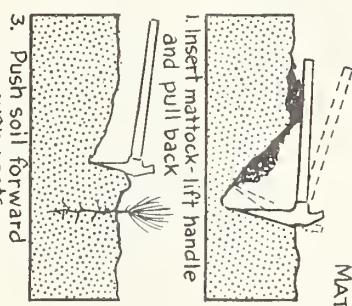
5. Push forward and backward packing soil firmly against root.

MATTOCK PLANTING (Grub Hoe)



6. Fill in last hole by firming with heel.

MATTOCK PLANTING (Grub Hoe)



1. Insert mattock-lift handle and pull back

2. Place seedling at correct depth

3. Push soil forward over roots

4. Firm soil around seedling with feet

